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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GE, GW  
SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF GDR ACTIONS

REF: LIVE OAK SHLO 77/05 OPS DTG 041538Z JAN 77 (NOTAL)

1. IN JANUARY 5 MEETING, BONN GROUP DISCUSSED REFTTEL STATING THAT LIVE OAK REQUIRES A BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS OF GDR VISA MEASURES AND REMOVAL OF CHECK POINTS BETWEEN EAST BERLIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIEFING LIVE OAK COMMANDER.

2. BONN GROUP AGREED THAT THE SITUATION WAS TOO FLUID AT THIS STAGE TO ALLOW ANY MEANINGFUL OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE GDR ACTIONS. A FORMAL BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL ALL FOUR CAPITALS HAVE CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT ACTIONS AND THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR ALLIED RESPONSES. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL REPS WOULD CONTINUE TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS TO RESPECTIVE NATIONAL ELEMENTS IN LIVE OAK WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT AN INTERIM ASSESSMENT BE DRAWN UP ON THAT BASIS WITHIN LIVE OAK.

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3. FOR INFORMATION OF US ELEMENT, THESE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BONN GROUP REPS ON A PERSONAL BASIS. IN GENERAL, BONN GROUP REPS AGREED THAT THE VISA REGULATION IN AND OF ITSELF WAS NOT OF GRE SIGNIFICA, BUT THAT THE REMOVAL OF BORDER CONTROL POINTS BETWEEN THE GDR AND EAST BERLIN PLUS THE WELL-PREPARED OFFICIAL GDR STATEMENT CAST THE

MATTER IN A MORE SERIOUS LIGHT. IN PARTICULAR,

-- THE GDR VISA REGULATION REQUIRES THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AND STATELESS PERSONS TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR STAYS IN EAST BERLIN OF LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. SUCH PERSONS HAD ALREADY REQUIRED VISAS FOR LONGER STAYS. GIVEN THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE ACTION AND THE FACT THAT FRG CITIZENS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR A STAY OF ANY DURATION IN EAST BERLIN, BONN GROUP REPS FOUND THE NEW GDR REGULATION IN AND OF ITSELF NOT TOO SIGNIFICANT.

-- THE GDR ACTION CLOSING THE BORDER CONTROL POINTS BETWEEN THE GDR AND EAST BERLIN IS IMPORTANT IN THAT THE CONTROL POINTS WERE A PHYSICAL REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT THE SPECIAL FOUR POWER STATUS OF BERLIN APPLIES TO THE EASTERN SECTOR AS WELL. THAT THE GDR CHOSE TO CLOSE THE POSTS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE IMPOSITION OF THE NEW VISA REGULATIONS WAS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE VIEW OF BONN GROUP REPS, NOT BECAUSE IT VIOLATED ANY FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS BUT BECAUSE IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW THAT EAST BERLIN WAS FULLY INCORPORATED IN THE GDR.

-- THE STATEMENTS BY THE GDR MFA AND IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ASSERTED THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN WAS THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR AND THAT NEITHER THE FOUR POWER STATUS OF BERLIN NOR THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT APPLIED TO THE EASTERN SECTOR. THE STATEMENTS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE TO COINCIDE WITH THE ACTIONS AND TO PLACE THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GDR DESIRE TO ALTER THE STATUS OF THE CITY. STOESEL

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